

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments in light of the remarks which follow is respectfully requested.

By the above amendments, the specification has been amended at page 1 to correct a clerical error. Claims 15, 16 and 18 have been amended for readability purposes by deleting parantheticals therefrom.

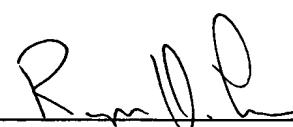
Applicants and Applicants' representative thank Examiner Bates for her time and consideration in discussing the present application with Applicants' representative on March 23, 2009. During the discussion, the Examiner agreed to enter and consider the above claim amendments.

Further action in the form of the issuance of a Response to Rule 312 Communication (PTOL-271) acknowledging entry of the above amendments is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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